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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Lintner et al.

Application No.: 10/742,344

Group Art Unit: 1609

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Examiner: R. T. Niebauer

For: COSMETIC OR DERMOPHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITIONS OF CERAMIDES AND
POLYPEPTIDES

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2007, setting forth a Requirement for Election of Species in the captioned application. Claims 1-38 remain pending in the application.

In the Official Action, the Examiner indicated that the claims were directed to four patentably distinct species. The Examiner required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

In response, Applicants hereby elect:

Ceramide: n-stearoyl-dihydrosphingosine; Claims 5 and 6.
This is the same molecule as n-stearoyl-sphinganine; Claims 10, 19 and 20.

Additional ingredient: a surfactant; Claims 21 and 34.

Polypeptide: a Biot-VGVAPG: $R_1-(AA)_n$ -Val-Gly-Val-Ala-Pro-Gly-(XX) $_m$ -OR $_2$, in which 'n' and 'm' are 0, R_1 is the biotinyl group, and R_2 is H; Claim 28.

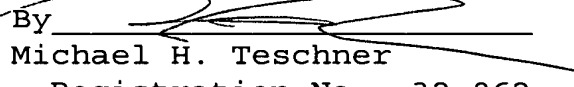
Form: a solution; Claim 32.

An action on the merits is now respectfully awaited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 908-654-5000 so as to overcome any additional objections.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicants' Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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